

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR NOTE ( TO READ NOT REPEAT NOT  
PASSED CAIRO VICE PASSED CAIRO)

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KUWAIT PASS AS APPROPRIATE

E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR XF

SUBJ: REVIEW OF BEIRUT WEEKLY PRESS

1. MILITARY PRESS CENSORSHIP NOW ENDED AND BEIRUT WEEKLIES  
RESUMING VIRTUALLY UNFETERED PUBLICATION. FOLLOWING SUMMARY  
ARTICLE FROM INDEPENDENT, PRO- GULF STATES AL HAWADITH ( DATED  
MAY 21 ISSUED MAY 24) OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEE  
POSTS.

2. ARTICLE EXPRESSES POPULAR DISTRESS WITH INTELLIGENCE  
ORGANIZATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER BRITISH AUSPICES, AS ANY  
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THREAT TO REGION MORE LIKELY EXTERNAL THAN INTERNAL. MAN IN STREET FEELS " INTELLIGENCE" AN IMPORTED COMMODITY PERHAPS NEEDED BY OTHER NATIONS BUT NOT BY SMALL, RICH STATES SEEKING MODERNIZATION. FURTHERMORE IF INTELLIGENCE NET IS NECESSARY, WESTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WOULD BE PROPER TARGET AS ANY POTENTIAL COUP LIKELY TO BE AMERICAN EFFORT TO " OCCUPY OIL FIELDS" AND INSURE UNINTERRUPTED OIL SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF ENERGY CRISIS. ABU DHABI GOVT REPORTEDLY DISCOUNTS COUP THREAT BUT KUWAIT FEARFUL OF AMERICAN USE OF ISRAEL OR IRAN AS PROXY TO CONQUER OR DOMINATE OIL FIELDS IF OIL FLOW STOPS BECAUSE OF ME WAR.

3. ARTICLE ALLEGED VISIT IN EARLY MAY OF USG STATE- MILITARY " FACT- FINDING MISSION" ASKED IF OIL WOULD CONTINUE SHOULD ARAB- ISRAELI WAR ERUPT, AND WARNED USG WOULD QUOTE BE COMPELLED TO OBTAIN OIL BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS UNQUOTE. GULF STATES HAD HOPED THREATEN OIL LOSS WOULD COMPEL REVISION USG POSITION RE ISRAEL, BUT NOW GOK OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY CONVINCED OF CONTINUED USG SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AND FEARFUL OF AMERICAN INSTIGATED GRAB AT OIL, SHOULD THREAT AGAINST AMERICAN SUPPLIES MATERIALIZE.  
HOUGHTON

NOTE BY OC/ T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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